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Charles L.A. Terreni, Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Petition of Seven Bridges Communications, LLC for the Designation
as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
Docket No. 2007-167-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and two copies of a Motion to Hold
Petition in Abeyance behalf of Seven Bridges Communications, LLC in the
above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record
in this proceeding.

Please file the original and return one file stamped copy to me via our courier.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Tyson, Jr.

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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No.: 2007-167-C

IN THE MATTER OF:)

Petition of Seven Bridges Communications,)
LLC for the Designation as an Eligible)
Telecommunications Carrier)

MOTION TO HOLD PETITION
IN ABEYANCE

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Seven Bridges Communications, LLC. ("Petitioner" or "Seven Bridges"), pursuant to 26 C.C. Regs. 103-838 (2007) (Amended by State Register Volume 31, Issue No. 5, eff May 25, 2007) hereby files a Motion requesting the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission) hold Seven Bridges Petition in abeyance for 180 days, including the currently scheduled hearing for July 27, 2007 and the prefiled testimony and exhibits deadlines. Seven Bridges requests this motion on the grounds that the Commission currently has an open Docket (Docket No. 2006-37-C) examining the requirements and standards to be used when the Commission evaluates applications for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") status and when making annual certifications of ETC compliance to the United States Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and pending dockets at the FCC. Rather than withdrawing its Petition and beginning the process again, Seven Bridges respectfully requests the Commission hold its Petition in Abeyance for 180 days.

It is Applicant's understanding that the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") does not object to this Petition being held in abeyance.

Seven Bridges states the following grounds in support of its Motion.

1. On April 27, 2007, Seven Bridges filed its Petition requesting the Commission designate Seven Bridges as an ETC, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended.

2. ORS filed its Notice of Appearance and the South Carolina Telephone Coalition filed a Petition to Intervene in this Docket.

3. On June 18, 2007, the Commission issued a Notice of a Hearing and a Prefile Testimony letter. The hearing is scheduled for July 27, 2007 with the parties' prefiled direct testimony and exhibits due on July 2, 2007.

4. In Docket No. 2006-126-C, the ORS filed a Petition for a Rule-Making proceeding to examine the requirements and standards to be used by the Commission when evaluating applications for ETC status and when making annual certifications of ETC compliance to the United States Federal Communications Commission.

5. In Docket No. 2006-126-C, the Commission has received written comments and has held a hearing concerning the ORS Petition. However, the Commission has not rendered a decision in this Docket.

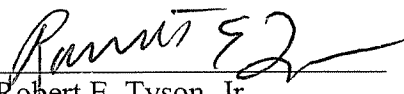
6. The FCC has pending a matter concerning ETC status which potentially could have a significant impact on future Commission action.

7. While the Commission finalizes its action in Docket No. 2006-37-C and the FCC completes action in its Docket, Seven Bridges respects the Commission hold its Petition in Abeyance for 180 days. After 180 days, the Commission may issue a new schedule for its review of the Seven Bridges Petition.

WHEREFORE, Seven Bridges Communications, LLC, respectfully requests that

- (i) the Commission expeditiously set this Motion for consideration at the Commission's next Commission meeting; and
- (ii) grant the Motion and hold the Petition of Seven Bridges Communications, LLC, in Abeyance for 180 days.

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The undersigned administrative assistant of Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, does hereby certify that she has served the below listed parties with a copy of the pleadings indicated below by mailing a copy of the same to them via electronic mail.

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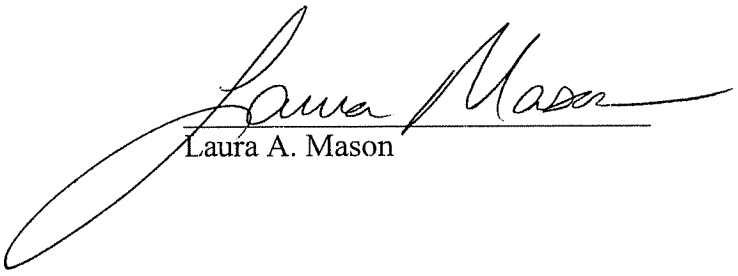
Motion to Hold Petition in Abeyance

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